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Relief for residents as tip deal reached

'Outstanding' nursery praised by Ofsted

• *Hatchlings Nursery School held a party to celebrate its 20th birthday in November*

A CRANBOURNE nursery has set the bar high after receiving a glowing review from Ofsted inspectors.

Hatchlings Nursery School, in Anstey Close, received the highest possible score as it was declared "outstanding" by the education watchdog.

The playgroup was visited during a one-day inspection in December, where it was handed the top mark possible in each of the four categories being assessed.

Nursery school owner Elizabeth Sludlow said: "We are all absolutely delighted with this outstanding result."

See page 5 for full story.

By Christian Wilson

PERMITS granting access for some Basingstoke and Deane residents to use the tip in Newbury have finally been delivered.

A deal between both the borough and county councils and West Berkshire Council to allow some residents to use the household waste recycling centre (HWRC) has been agreed for months.

This is after a permit scheme was introduced across the county border in September that meant only people from West Berkshire would be able to use the HWRCs in Padworth and Newbury.

A new agreement that Basingstoke and Deane residents living more than 10 miles away from Basingstoke's Wade Road tip would also be delivered permits was supposed to be completed by Christmas.

But after a few weeks' delay, the 12-month permits have now been received by residents, with the borough council's member for the environment, Hayley Eachus, expressing her delight.

"When we found out residents would have miles to go to their nearest tips, we weren't happy," said Cllr Eachus.

"So we're pleased to have finally sorted something out, as it's absolutely crucial.

"Otherwise some people would be travelling 13, 14, or 15 miles, which is substantial for people wanting to get rid of rubbish."

North Hampshire residents had

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• *The Newtown Road recycling centre in Newbury*

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Call for an increase in female MP candidates

By Christian Wilson

MARIA Miller feels "concrete action plans" need to be put in place to bring a higher representation of women into the House of Commons.

The Basingstoke MP is one of just 191 female representatives in the 650-member Parliament, and is chair of a Government committee investigating the imbalance.

And a report by the women and equalities committee published on Tuesday called for political parties to right the "serious democratic deficit" by ensuring at least 45 per cent of their candidates are female, or else face financial sanctions.

The committee feel that introducing such legislation could lead the number of female MPs to increase from 30 per cent to 45 per cent by 2030, so as to boost the UK's global ranking for representation up from 48th.

And with the 455 women MPs ever elected still standing below the current number of male representatives, Mrs Miller insisted it was "difficult to believe" there was not as many women as men qualified to represent their community.

She said: "A global ranking of 48th is shockingly low.

"We must rise to the challenge of being a world leader on women's parliamentary representation.

"In their evidence to our inquiry, the leaders of political parties agreed that the commons would benefit from gender equality, and a range of initiatives are in place to improve the situation.

"But we saw little to justify their confidence that these will be sufficient.

"We need concrete action plans."

Just one in four candidates at the last general elections were female, with the equalities committee insisting the Government bring into force the statutory requirement for parties to publish their candidate diversity data for elections.

And with the Government proposing to reduce the number of total MPs from 650 to 600 by 2020 as part of the boundary changes, Mrs Miller has pleaded for help to ensure "previous positive trends do not stagnate or reverse".

• *Maria Miller has labelled the UK's global ranking for representation of 48th as "shockingly low"*

She added: "We are calling on political parties to publicly set out the measures they plan to take to increase the proportion and number of women parliamentary candidates in 2020.

"There is no room for complacency.

"We need to see more women candidates in winnable seats."

Teen who started blaze at South Ham church sentenced

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy has received an eight-month detention and training order for setting fire to a Basingstoke church.

The teenager, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was last week convicted of causing the blaze that destroyed a wooden shed at St Joseph's Catholic Church, in St Michael's Road, South Ham.

Nobody was injured during the fire on July 27 last year, which saw a 15-year-old boy also receive a 12-month referral order for the same arson offence at a hearing at Basingstoke Youth Court in December.

And the 14-year-old appeared at the same court on Friday, where he was also convicted of seven offences of criminal damage to the church, as well as offences of assault by beating, possession of a knife in a public place, and theft by finding.

His detention and training order will include a period of custody and supervision, with Hampshire police insisting the ruling showed they would take "appropriate action" to anti-social behaviour.

Inspector Ben Taylor, from Basingstoke's Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "This teenager's actions have caused significant anxiety for people in Basingstoke for a considerable period of time.

• *The blaze at St Joseph's Catholic Church*

"We, along with partners within the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership, have made efforts to work with him to address his behaviour.

"But unfortunately he has continued to act in a manner that is not acceptable to the community."

Remember to keep warm during cold snap

• *Cllr Hayley Eachus*

PEOPLE across Basingstoke and Deane are being encouraged to stay safe and warm, in anticipation of a drop in temperature later this week.

The borough council is helping to spread the word about the health cost of being cold, and about the ways in which people can keep themselves and their homes warm.

Residents worried about the temperature in their house should avoid staying still for more than an hour, should have regular hot drinks, and also eat at least one hot meal a day.

The council also urges members of the public to wear lots of thin layers to keep warm, as opposed to thick clothes, while reminding people that closing the curtains at dusk will ensure homes are kept warm.

Cabinet member for regulatory services, Cllr Hayley Eachus, said: "We are working hard to make sure that residents don't have to be cold this winter.

"It can be extremely dangerous, especially for vulnerable groups such as the elderly, very young children and those who are disabled or who have a long-term illness.

"We know that often households don't have the funds available to make the energy efficiency improvements they would like, in order to improve the warmth of their home and reduce energy bills."

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Would you volunteer to fix the town's potholes?

By Christian Wilson

A BASINGSTOKE councillor has insisted that it would be "out of order" if residents were asked to volunteer their time to fill potholes in the town.

This is after a public survey conducted by Basingstoke-based The AA saw a fifth of nearly 18,000 road users say they would offer their services to help with road repairs.

Hampshire County Council is responsible for roadwork across Basingstoke and Deane, and was boosted in November by the news that £2.1million would be spent fixing Hampshire's roads during 2017.

The extra funding provided by the Department for Transport (DfT) is set to be used to fill 40,000 potholes countywide, although Brookvale and Kings Furlong councillor Jack Cousens feels this number is a "drop in the ocean".

But Cllr Cousens, who works at The AA, feels that asking residents to help carry out repairs, in a scheme similar to one started by Devon County Council last year, would be an unfair solution to the problem.

He said: "The fact residents are getting themselves into a position where they want to take matters into their own hands is nice to see.

"But they pay council tax for this, and expect to get things in return, so it seems out of order that the kindness of residents could be leaned on.

"I know Hampshire are cutting funds and projects left, right, and centre, but I'd expect them to do this themselves."

A total of 54 per cent of those responding to The AA's survey expressed their belief that anyone who volunteered to help in any future scheme should be handed a reduction in their council tax bill as a result.

The DfT have priced the repair of each individual pothole as £53, with the latest funding released in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement following a separate cash boost of £1.48m to fill 28,075 potholes throughout Hampshire announced last April.

But Cllr Cousens has questioned how much Basingstoke and Deane will benefit from the funding, and instead called for the borough to become a unitary council separate from the council, in order to see funds distributed more locally.

He said: "This money is being spent across the whole of Hampshire, and we could get the wrong end of that.

"If Basingstoke and Deane was a unitary, we would be able to deal with potholes ourselves – the funding is a drop in the ocean.

"A unitary would be a step in the right direction, as we'd have control on what we wanted to spend the money on, and where."

• Around a fifth of respondents to The AA's survey would be willing to volunteer to fill potholes

• Cllr Jack Cousens

News Bites

Machine stolen

ODIHAM: A seven tonne excavator was stolen from a building site in Odiham last week.

The heavy construction equipment was taken from the site in Farnham Road, at some point between 4.50pm and 5.12pm on Friday.

Call police on 101 with information.

Abuse appeal

HAMPSHIRE: The NSPCC is appealing for volunteers in Hampshire to help run a campaign for children.

The charity's 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' programme was delivered to more than 11,000 children last year.

Offered to schools at no cost, the service is designed to help children recognise the signs of abuse, know how to protect themselves, and know how to get help.

Applications for the volunteer role in Hampshire close on March 1.

To apply, visit http://bit.ly/2hZHXdx.

Cabinet meeting

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The borough council's cabinet is next due to meet on Tuesday, January 24.

The meeting will take place at the council's civic offices, in London Road, from 6.30pm.

Permits issued for Newbury's tip

• From front page

previously been allowed to use the centres – due to them being closer to their homes than the Basingstoke HWRC – until the county council elected to stop paying a £200,000 contribution to West Berkshire.

This led to what the borough council labelled a "tip war" between the authorities, with the county council expressing its hope that the "transitional 12 month period" would help out affected residents.

Hampshire's executive member for environment, Rob Humby, said: "I am grateful to our colleagues at both West Berkshire Council for working with us on this arrangement, and Basingstoke for helping us identify the areas furthest from a Hampshire HWRC site.

"I hope this transitional arrangement will be useful to residents.

"I would ask people who have received a permit to check the terms and conditions of using West Berkshire's HWRC, as there are elements which may be different from before, and from using a Hampshire HWRC."

The permit enables access for cars only, in order to prevent people bringing in commercial or trade waste for disposal illegally, due to only household waste being accepted at the Newbury tip.

Cllr Eachus added: "We want people to recycle, and fly tipping is one of the borough council's major concerns. If we can encourage people to recycle, and make it easier, that's definitely a good thing."

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Popley grants up for grabs

COMMUNITY groups in Popley are being urged to put themselves forward for a grant from the borough council.

Grants of up to £1,000 are being made available to projects that can demonstrate they provide an important service that brings the community together, and improves residents' wellbeing.

The funding is being awarded as part of the Popley Neighbourhood Partnership, which brings together community planning groups, health and education bodies, and councils to improve people's quality of life.

Groups have until February 12 to apply for a 'Your Community, Your Choice' grant, with anyone living, working, or volunteering in Popley above secondary school age then voting for the winners.

Last year's scheme saw money allocated by the borough council to Popley Fields Youth Club to maintain facilities, while another previous grant was used to train around 60 people to use a defibrillator at Popley Fields Community Centre.

Residents will be able to cast their votes at St Gabriel's Church, in Tewkesbury Close, between 3pm and 7pm on March 13.

Top marks given to 'excellent' nursery

By Christian Wilson

OFSTED has handed a Basingstoke nursery the best rating possible following its latest inspection.

Hatchlings Nursery School, in Anstey Close, was highly praised by the education watchdog for demonstrating the wellbeing of children was "paramount to all staff".

The Cranbourne playgroup was graded as "outstanding" overall, and achieved the top mark in all of the four categories being assessed in Ofsted's report, following the inspection on December 1.

This represented an improvement on the score handed out after the previous inspection in April 2013, and followed Hatchlings' other nursery, in Worting Road, South Ham, being granted a rating of "good" just a month earlier.

Leadership, quality of teaching, personal development, and positive outcomes were all praised in inspector Helen Robinshaw's report, which highlighted that children made "excellent levels of progress".

She said: "The owner and manager demonstrate an exceptionally conscientious approach to self-evaluation.

• *Hatchlings Nursery School has been rated "outstanding"*

"Children play in a safe, secure environment where they know they are valued and respected as individuals.

"Staff create vibrant, diverse learning opportunities for children inside and out.

"Staff work exceptionally well with parents to prepare children for changes in their lives, and for the next stage in their learning."

Hatchlings celebrated its 20th year of teaching in November, with nursery owner Elizabeth Sudlow insisting she was "absolutely delighted" by the latest Ofsted mark.

She added: "All our staff work incredibly hard at our nurseries, have been with us for many years, and are very loyal.

"This helps to make the nurseries run smoothly, and we are very proud of all of them."

The two pre-schools look after children aged between two and five-years-old to ready them for going to school, with a number of Basingstoke parents expressing their delight through messages of support.

Gemma Quaintmere said: "I'm so glad for you all, you deserve it.

"Joe has come on leaps and bounds since starting here."

Carol Berrie added: "I never doubted that's what you'd get, you are fantastic at what you do."

Pensioner punched in car park assault

AN ELDERLY man was attacked by two men as he tried to drive through a car park in Basingstoke last Friday.

The victim was driving a small, black, four-door car through Brighton Hill Retail Park, in Winchester Road, when the incident took place.

As he reached the outside of Harvey's Furniture Store, it is alleged that the suspects then walked in front of his vehicle and started acting aggressively towards the driver.

When one then hit the car with his hand, the pensioner tried to drive away, but the man continued to jump in front of the vehicle, and then reached through an open window and punched him several times.

They then walked away from the scene after the assault, and were seen to get into a car with partial registration YL16, before leaving the car park.

The suspects were described as looking very similar to each other, and were white, about 23-years-old, with short, dark hair, and were both wearing jeans and jackets.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, which took place at around 2.50pm, or who recognises the men from the description, is asked to contact Hampshire police on 101, quoting reference number 44170006599.

• *Police have released CCTV images of the suspects*

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Hundreds sign petition to block housing

By Christian Wilson

HUNDREDS of Basingstoke residents have voiced their displeasure at a proposed housing development to the south of the town.

The borough council received plans last month to build 40 new homes in Farleigh Road, Cliddesden – in a move that would increase the size of the village by 30 per cent.

But this has caused uproar among some members of the public, with a petition signed by 215 people calling for the proposal to be blocked handed over to the council last Friday.

A separate online petition has also gathered nearly 250 signatures, with the post insisting that the development "is the front runner to potentially more development" in Cliddesden.

This point was reiterated by nearly 100 comments from Basingstoke residents, with concerns ranging from an "extremely dangerous" increase in traffic, to worries the village will "change its character overnight".

Alex Duncan said: "The village has already had an estate built, and this, together with 40, is a huge percentage increase.

"This is a bigger impact than a 500 unit estate built in Basingstoke – this will destroy the soul of the village."

Ann Kent posted: "I despair that soon there will be no countryside left for my grandchildren to enjoy."

Ken Davies added: "Stop this housing estate, or see others erode our village on all sides."

Cliddesden Action Group are campaigning against overdevelopment in the village, and warned the extra housing proposed would "swamp the village".

A spokesperson added: "We are not against development, but it needs to be sympathetic and allow the village to grow naturally."

Applicants Thakeham Homes have earmarked 16 of the new homes as affordable housing as part of the project, through a mixture of two and three-bedroom houses, and one and two-bedroom flats.

The developers feel the plans will "respect the character and appearance of the area".

The application reads: "The scheme has been designed to complement the existing design styles of the village.

"The proposal has been sensibly designed to reflect the character of its surroundings.

"This approach creates a scheme that is in keeping with the built form of the village, whilst retaining 'green fingers' between buildings, as required by the Cliddesden Village Design Statement."

• 40 homes are planned for Farleigh Road, in Cliddesden

• Geraint Cooper is presented with the new Audi Q3

Young rugby players to benefit from new car gift

YOUNG rugby players are set to benefit after a car was donated to the town's club.

Basingstoke RFC currently provide coaching lessons at 30 primary and secondary schools in the area.

Community rugby coach Geraint Cooper delivers the classes, and has thanked club sponsors Basingstoke Audi for supplying him with a new Q3.

He said: "It has helped me to get out and about to schools, and around the local community to deliver sessions. It is a great car and allows me to take more kit and equipment with me."

Audi is also sponsoring Basingstoke RFC's club newsletter and matchday programmes.

Head of business Bob McGarva said: "We are pleased to be able to continue our support of the club through the extension of the sponsorship deal."

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Home open day

BRAMLEY: Cherry Blossom Manor, a care home in German Road, Bramley is due to hold an open day from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, January 28.

As well as looking around the home, which provides nursing and personal care for people suffering with dementia, residents will also be able to ask staff for general advice about care for their loved ones.

Property break in

WHITCHURCH: A break in from a non-dwelling property in Daniel Road, Whitchurch, is being investigated by police.

The incident happened between 11pm last Friday and midnight on Saturday, with a vehicle, possibly a Nissan Navara, seen speeding away.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101, quoting crime reference number 44170007265.

Care workers

HOOK: Vulnerable residents across Basingstoke and Deane and Hart are set to benefit from a home care provider's promise to create 100 new care assistant jobs this year.

Bluebird Care in Hook provides care and support to the elderly, people with physical disabilities, and adults with learning difficulties.

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Daredevils plea

BASINGSTOKE: Muscular Dystrophy UK is appealing for daredevils to take part in a charity indoor skydive at iFLY Indoor Skydiving, on the leisure park, off Euskirchen Way, on March 4.

The charity, which provides help to children and adults living with muscle-wasting conditions, is hoping to raise £4,000 from events nationwide.

Visit www.musculardystrophyuk.org/maketodaycount.

Equipment stolen

KEMPSHOTT: Tools and machinery worth about £4,000 were stolen from a container on a building site in Shortwood Copse Lane, off Beggarwood Lane between 5pm on January 3 and 7am on January 4.

The thieves drove across a pavement next to the A30 Winchester Road to gain access to the site.

Crime report

PAMBER: Fifty-one incidents were reported to police in the Pamber and Silchester area last month.

The Hampshire Constabulary report lists 20 registered crimes, including four calls for criminal damage, three for anti-social behaviour, 11 road traffic incidents and 10 suspicious incidents.

Queen honours Army reservist

By Christian Wilson

A COUNTY council worker from Alton has been honoured for his services as an Army Reservist.

Adrian Keeble has completed operational tours in Bosnia and Afghanistan during his 20-year service and risen to the highest non-commissioned rank of Warrant Officer Class 1.

And, now, he has been recognised in the New Year Honours list by being awarded the Queen's Volunteer Reserves Medal. Only 13 of the medals are handed out annually.

WO Keeble said: "I was honoured and delighted to receive the Queen's Volunteer Reserves Medal, which was completely unexpected.

"I became a reservist as I wanted to do something interesting and challenging with my life, and to serve my country.

"It's improved my self-confidence, my fitness, and my organisational, planning and communications skills; all important life skills which help me to adapt to all sorts of situations."

WO Keeble's position as the Senior Reserve soldier with 71st (City of London) Signal Regiment requires him to make a 150-mile round trip to the regimental base in south London for training for about 100 days a year.

• WO Adrian Keeble has been awarded the Queen's Volunteer Reserves Medal

In everyday life, he works as an information analyst at Hampshire County Council.

The local authority's Armed Forces Champion, Andrew Joy, praised his contribution, saying: "We are delighted at WO Keeble's richly deserved recognition from the Queen for his dedication in serving our country.

"He has done an incredible job for his country, and the county council is proud to have supported him.

"We are indebted to him, and reservists like him, for serving the nation."

The county council was last year one of 22 organisations to be recognised for its support of the Armed Forces by a Gold Award, presented by the Duke of Cambridge.

Volunteers sought by charity to help others

A BASINGSTOKE charity that helps people to stay independent and remain in their own homes is calling for residents to volunteer their time to help.

Basingstoke NeighbourCare provides assistance and support to elderly, unwell or disabled people living in the community.

Part of the charity's work includes a befriending service which sees volunteers regularly visit people's homes to help them with tasks or even just have a chat and a cup of tea with them.

One person who currently volunteers their time is Tony Slow, who is in his 80s, and is currently befriending three clients a week for Basingstoke NeighbourCare.

He said: "I moved to Basingstoke from the South Coast and wanted to keep busy.

"I had heard of NeighbourCare, and came in to sign up as a volunteer.

"It is so satisfying to know that I am helping people in my new community and getting to know people."

All of the clients that Tony befriends are part of Age Concern's 'Food and Friendship' initiative and they all receive Meals on Wheels.

Anyone wanting to volunteer an hour a week to help someone in their community should call 01256 423855.

• Tony Slow (left) with resident Mr Atwood

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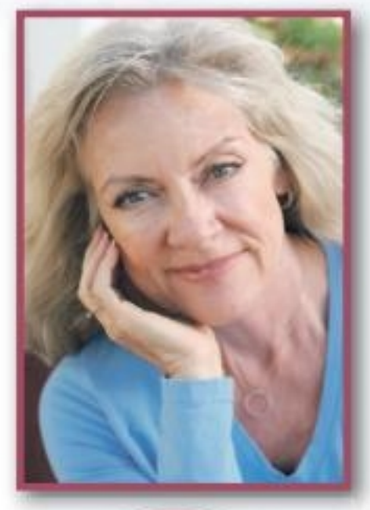

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News Bites

M&S want cards

BASINGSTOKE: Residents are being urged to help the environment by donating their Christmas cards to M&S.

The Festival Place-based shop is pledging to plant one tree for every 1,000 cards donated in store throughout January, as part of its commitment to the Woodland Trust.

Garage burglary

KINGSCLERE: Police have issued advice to residents after an attempted burglary took place in a garage in Strokins Road sometime between December 4 and January 2.

Homeowners are advised to safely secure more expensive items, mark all items with postcode and serial numbers, and fit an alarm.

New syllabus

HAMPSHIRE: A new agreed syllabus for teaching Religious Education in schools across Hampshire has been launched.

'Living Difference III' builds on the approach to RE that has been used in Hampshire since 2004 by the county council.

Executive member for education, Cllr Peter Edgar, said: "Good teaching in religious education will have a positive impact on the way children and young people think, speak and act in a complex and diverse world."

New appeal on park rape

By Christian Wilson

THE description of a man believed to have raped a Basingstoke woman in a Popley park has finally been released by police – more than three months after the attack.

The 24-year-old victim was subjected to the serious sexual assault at the play park near Shetland Road and Maldive Road between 10pm and 11pm on October 2.

Hampshire Constabulary, who have been supporting the woman since then, launched an unsuccessful appeal in the immediate aftermath of the incident to help track down her attacker.

And, now, following discussions with the victim, officers are in a position to provide more details of the man suspected of committing the attack.

He is described as being white, aged in his mid- to late-20s, about 5ft 7ins tall, and of average build with a paunch.

He had brown hair that was longer on top and shorter at the sides, as well as scruffy facial hair. He was wearing blue denim jeans and a blue fleece top that looked like a work jumper, with a zip that went partially down the front.

• *A woman was sexually assaulted at a play park between Shetland Road and Maldive Road on October 2 (Picture by Scriniary)*

Officer in the case, Detective Constable Tracy West, said: "While this is being treated as an isolated incident, it is a serious offence committed by someone who the victim did not know.

"We need help establishing who this man is.

"Do you recognise someone from the description given?

"Is it someone you know, perhaps from work?

"If you have any information that could help this investigation, it is vital that you come forward and speak to us."

Anyone with any information should contact police on 101, quoting Operation Think, or alternatively call charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Developer agrees to sponsor popular 5k event again

BASINGSTOKE'S popular town centre festival 5k race has secured financial support for this year's event.

Croudace House will once again be the headline sponsor for the unique run, in which competitors run though Festival Place.

About 350 residents tested themselves by running through the Top of Town and around Basing View and Eastrop Park for last year's event.

And developers Croudace are hoping the 2017 run, on Sunday, May 7, will raise the bar even higher, and be even more popular.

Managing director Allan Carey said: "Croudace is a family-owned company and the race is very much a family-orientated event.

"I participated last year, and can personally vouch that it is well organised and great fun.

"I'm looking forward to running an improved time this year."

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• *Runners take on last year's festival 5k race*

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Wallet stolen in wall robbery

TWO men are wanted on suspicion of robbing a man they pushed off a wall in Basingstoke.

A 53-year-old man was sitting on a low wall near Morrisons at the junction of Attwood Close and Worting Road when he was approached by the men.

They then pushed him off the wall, held him down, and stole his wallet and some tobacco from his pockets before fleeing the scene.

The first man is described as white, in his early 30s, around 6ft 2ins tall, of very stocky build, and clean shaven, while he was wearing light grey workman's trousers, a blue jumper, and brown working boots.

The second suspect is white, in his late 20s, around 6ft tall, of average build, and clean shaven. He wore similar trousers, a dull green zip up jacked with a hood and trainers.

The incident took place between 3pm and 5pm on January 2, and police are appealing for information.

PC Simon Langford, of Basingstoke CID, said: "This took place near a busy supermarket, and we believe there were a number of people in the area at the time."

Call 101 with information, quoting crime reference number 44170003067

Santa's fundraising drive boosts charity

By Christian Wilson

A BASINGSTOKE charity has been handed a cash boost following a bus company's festive fundraising drive.

Commuters using a special Stagecoach bus in the weeks leading up to Christmas were surprised to find a familiar face behind the wheel when they got on board.

Father Christmas drove a traditionally decorated Santa bus on the Basingstoke route, in a bid to help raise vital funds for charity St Michael's Hospice.

Youngsters enjoyed gifts presented to them by the special driver, while families also were able to have a sing-a-long to some festive classics played through the speakers.

And it was confirmed last week that's Stagecoach's efforts have raised a grand total of £1,005 for charity.

Martin Gibbon, who is the company's Basingstoke operations manager, said: "Our drivers are more than happy to help spread festive cheer, while our passengers always give generously, and the younger children in particular enjoy seeing Santa driving their bus.

• *Santa driver Dave Flower is joined by (from left) St Michael's Hospice's Peter Whewell and Jackie Ridge, and Stagecoach's Mark Jackson and Martin Gibbon*

"I'm really proud of our local Santa bus drivers, Dave Flower and Paul Govey, for going above and beyond, and really getting into the Christmas spirit all in the name of charity.

"Both have helped to raise a fantastic amount for St Michael's Hospice."

St Michael's Hospice provide palliative care for people living with life-limiting illnesses across north Hampshire, with fundraising manager, Daisy Mitchell, admitting she was "delighted" by the sum.

She said: "It is truly fantastic. The people of Basingstoke were so generous and helped to raise a fantastic amount of money for St Michael's Hospice. It's always a joy to be part of such a fantastic community event.

"I would like to say a personal thank you to everyone who supported the Santa bus.

"I would also like to say thank you to Stagecoach and to Santa himself who helped make this year's event so successful."

News Bites

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, January 6.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 59247 of Basingstoke, ticket 05891 of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Tadley ticket 26102, and Shifnal ticket 14693 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to 81289, 15253, 08964, 65931, 86470, 35468, 40391, 79471, 23849, 37619, 85956, 75758, 62162, 14744, 07341, and 05001.

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Quick Clues Across

1 Purchased (6)
7 Set free (7)
8 Tile (7)
9 Circles (5)
10 Characteristic (9)
12 Relative (3)
13 Rend (4)
15 Member of legislative group (7)
17 Ocean movement (4)
19 Snare (3)
21 Covered with swellings (9)
22 Make merry (5)
23 Tell (7)
24 Trips (7)
25 Pamper (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Cellar (8)
2 Alliances (6)
3 Sanitary science (7)
4 Frighten (5)
5 Drive (6)
6 Curves (4)
7 Sources (11)
11 Pry (4)
13 Large plant (4)
14 Most prepared (8)
16 Great Lake (7)
18 Consecrate (6)
20 Entertains (6)
21 Plain-spoken (5)
22 Covering (4)

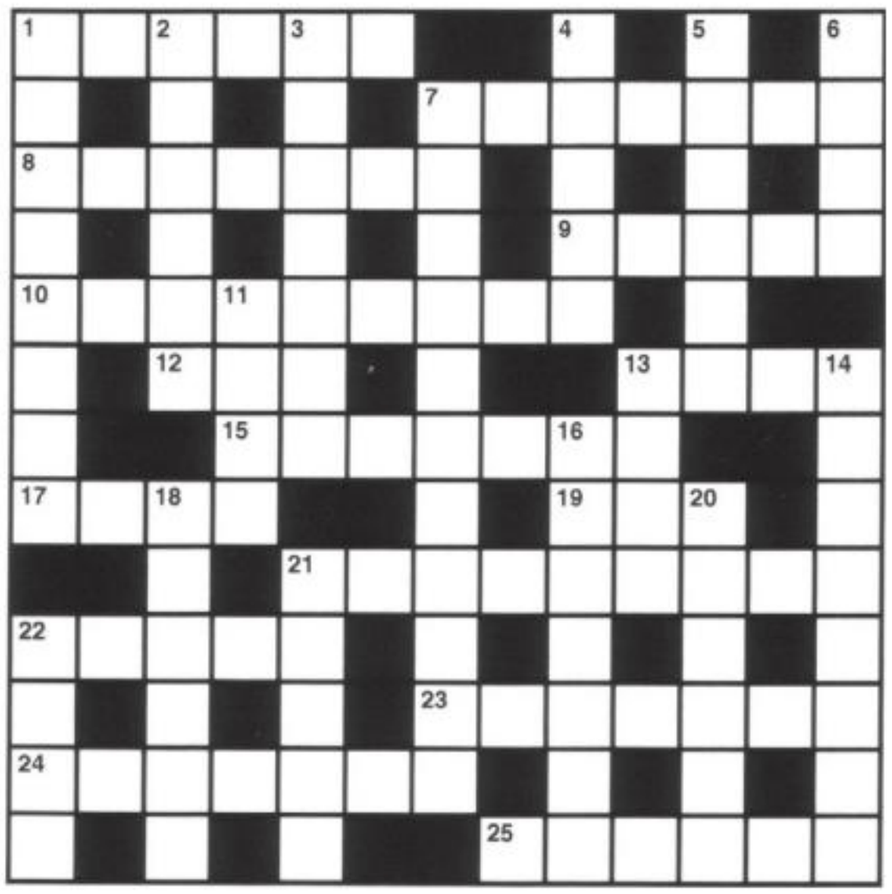
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Give joy by putting six in reckless surroundings (6)
7 The ultimate from the river, by the sound of it (7)
8 Respects the dirt in the commercials? (7)
9 Get to the stretch of water (5)
10 Care for the worker? At first, it's waiting (9)
12 Bend back a source of heat (3)
13 Seasonal plant (4)
15 Pause about jealousy (7)
17 Devours most of the animal foods (4)
19 Or holding a blade (3)
21 Carrying out the duties of a hangman (9)
22 Overlay the disguise (5)
23 Working to get one fish? (7)
24 Or is Sue otherwise solemn? (7)
25 Produces by degrees? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Concerning the present age, can it be interesting to peruse? (8)
2 Leaves out five at the beginning, and is sick (6)
3 Unusual to wander under the road (7)
4 Begin to find a loose woman below the initial surface (5)
5 Tell how it could connect? (6)
6 Noah's son could be in such a trap (4)
7 Recent maps to the south show diffs (11)
11 Organs in the cornfields (4)
13 High temperature in the Atlantic (4)
14 Misses the luggage? (8)
16 Voyager who might solicit a rising man to come inside (7)
18 The vet ran out to the hotel (6)
20 I'd be in the ring on horseback (6)
21 Sin or make a mistake (5)
22 Have all the actors a squint? (4)



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This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Bought 7 Deliver 8 Shingle 9 Rings 10 Mannerism 12 Son 13 Tear 15 Senator 17 Tide 19 Net 21 Blistered 22 Reveal 23 Narrate 24 Outings 25 Cosset

Down: 1 Basement 2 Unions 3 Hygiene 4 Alarm 5 Avenue 6 Arcs 7 Derivations 11 Nose 13 Tree 14 Realtest 16 Ontario 18 Devote 20 Treats 21 Blunt 22 Roof

Cryptic Crossword

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Saturday January 14th

BBC1

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen** (S) **11.30 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **2.15 Wanted Down Under** (S) **3.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.00 Final Score** (S) **5.20 BBC News** (S) **5.30 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.40 Celebrity Mastermind** (S) **6.10 Pointless Celebrities** (S)

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7.00 Let It Shine Gary Barlow, Dannii Minogue, Martin Kemp and Amber Riley continue to audition would-be pop princes. (S)

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8.25 Casualty A scuffle at an illegal rave leads to a serious injury. (S)

9

9.15 Taboo James Delaney sets about enlisting allies to help him reclaim his legacy, but an unexpected arrival at the reading of his father's will threatens to disrupt his plans. (S)

10

10.15 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gabby Logan presents action from the latest Premier League matches. (S)

11

AFTER 12

12.00 FILM The Ring (2002) (15) Supernatural horror remake, starring Naomi Watts. (S) **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.45 FILM Higher and Higher (1943) (U) (S) **8.15 FILM The Magic Box (1951) (U)** (S) **10.00 Secret Britain** (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Ice Station Zebra (1968) (U)** (S) **3.20 Flog It!** (S)(R) **4.00 Mastermind** (S)(R) **4.30 University Challenge** (S)(R) **5.00 Only Connect** (S)(R) **5.30 The World's Most Extraordinary Homes** (S)(R) **6.30 Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise** (S)(R)

7.30 Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney Andy Torbet sets out to cross the Pentland Firth as the ancient Orcadians would have done. (S)(R)

8.30 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring puts the defence of the realm before personal pride. (S)(R)

9.00 Imagine: Listen to Me Marlon Documentary providing an intimate portrait of Marlon Brando, making use of the actor's own archival audio tapes and home-movie footage. (S)

10.40 FILM On the Waterfront (1954) (PG) A former boxer has his conscience pricked when he sees his boss's thugs kill a man. Drama, starring Marlon Brando, Lee J Cobb and Eva Marie Saint. (S)

12.25 FILM Lay the Favorite (2012) (15) Comedy, starring Rebecca Hall. (S) **1.50** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Rebound** (S)(R) **10.25 Guess This House** (S)(R) **11.25 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.40 River Monsters** (S)(R) **1.10 Bargain Shop Wars** (S)(R) **1.40 FILM The Mummy Returns (2001) (PG)** (S) **4.05 Dance Dance Dance** (S)(R) **5.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 The Brits Are Coming** (S)

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge. (S)

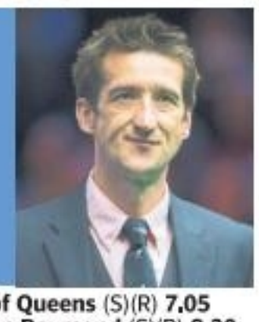
8.00 The Voice UK Jennifer Hudson, Gavin Rossdale, Will.i.am and Tom Jones appraise the talents of more would-be pop icons in the blind auditions. (S)

9.30 Through the Keyhole Keith Lemon challenges Eamonn Holmes, Emma Bunton and Jonathan Ross to guess the identities of the celebrities whose homes he peruses. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.45 FILM Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) (15) Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton. (S)

1.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4



6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) **12.55 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast** (S)(R) **2.00 Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships** The eighth day of the BDO World Championships. (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages Penelope Keith starts her journey in the Cotswolds, and explores the celebrated village of Bibury. (S)(R)

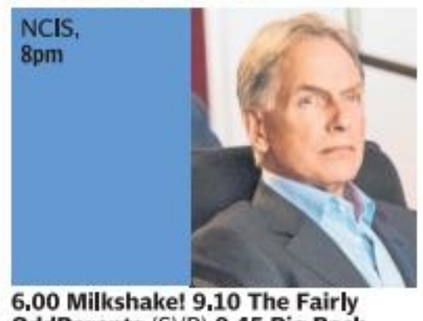
8.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales embark on more waterway adventures, beginning 14 miles west of Venice. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Oblivion (2013) (12) A repairman salvaging resources from a devastated future Earth discovers a secret. Sci-fi adventure, starring Tom Cruise and Morgan Freeman. (S)

11.30 FILM Immortals (2011) (15) Mythological adventure, with Henry Cavill and Mickey Rourke. (S)

1.35 Hollyoaks (S) **3.35** Win It Cook It (S)(R) **4.05** Hoarder SOS (S)(R) **5.00** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.55** The King of Queens (S)(R)

Channel 5



6.00 Milkshake! 9.10 The Fairly OddParents (S)(R) **9.45 Big Bash Cricket Live** (S) **1.30 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **2.30 Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **3.30 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2** (S)(R) **4.25 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 3** (S)(R) **5.25 Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **6.25 NCIS: Los Angeles** Sam goes undercover as a bomb specialist. (S)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles A reporter is murdered. (S)

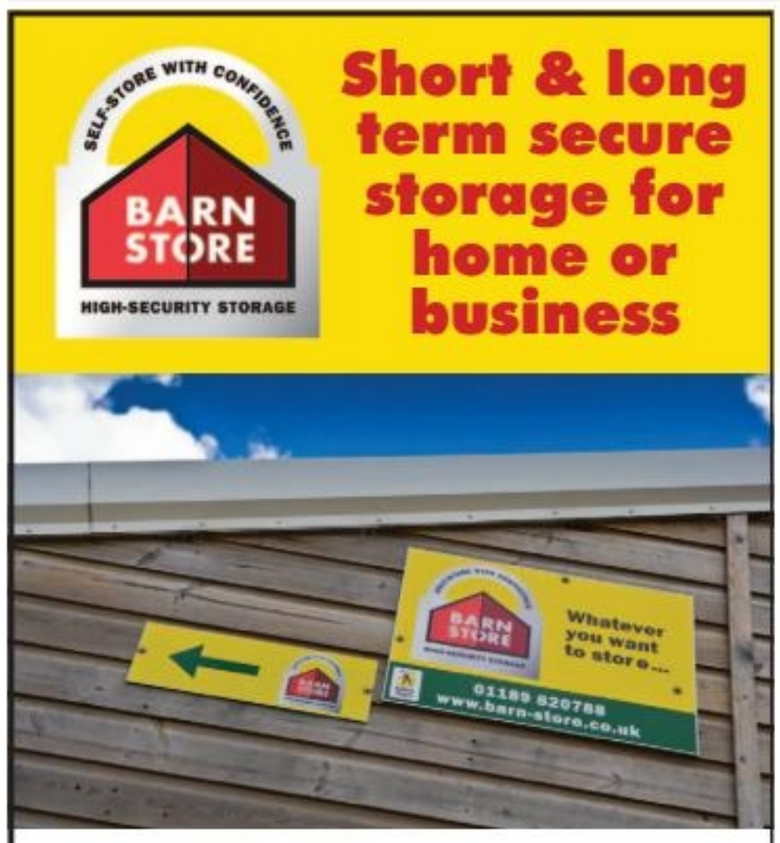
8.00 NCIS Gibbs asks the team to work on a case to bring down a drug dealer. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce action from the latest fixtures. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush The latest matches from Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 Celebrity Big Brother Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours. (S)

11.30 Lip Sync Battle UK: Alexander Armstrong vs Jimmy Carr Hosted by Melanie Brown and Professor Green. (S)(R)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.05 Celebrity Big Brother (S)(R) **4.00** Celebrity Botched Up Bodies (S)(R) **4.50** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.15** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Hot Desk: Caroline Flack **6.10** Emmerdale **8.55** Coronation Street **11.20** The Big Quiz – Coronation Street v Emmerdale **12.25** Ninja Warrior UK **1.30** 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments **3.05** FILM: Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) (U) Concluded. **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** FILM: Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) (U) Children's comedy, starring Theo Stevenson. **4.55** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Adam Sandler. **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Concluded. **6.45** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Andrew Garfield. **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) (12) Concluded. **9.30** FILM: Wanted (2008) (18) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. **10.30** FYI Daily **10.35** FILM: Wanted (2008) (18) Concluded. **11.40** Family Guy **1.05** American Dad! **2.00** Dads **2.20** Safeword **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Murder, She Wrote **9.20** FILM: Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder (1978) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **11.25** FILM: Hidden Treasure (2001) Drama, starring John Thaw. **1.30** A Touch of Frost **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Blue Murder **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel. The history of coach transport. **8.00** Inside Chernobyl's Mega Tomb **9.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **10.00** The Young Montalbano **11.45** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.20** Elvis Costello: Mystery Dance **1.20** Later Presents – Elvis Costello in Concert **2.20** Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC **3.20** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **7.05** Suburgatory **8.00** Black-ish **9.00** How I Met Your Mother **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Baby Daddy **12.00** Black-ish **1.00** Young & Hungry **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Friends with Benefits (2011) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis. **11.15** Gogglebox **1.25** The Inbetweeners **2.25** Chewing Gum **2.50** Tattoo Fixers **3.45** Bad Robots **4.10** Suburgatory **4.50** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Homes by the Sea **9.55** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **11.00** Building the Dream **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Mystery of the Crossrail Skulls **9.00** 9/11: 102 Minutes That Changed America **11.15** 24 Hours in A&E **12.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **1.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.15** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Black Arrow (1948) (U) **1.00** The Jane Austen Book Club (2007) (12) Romantic comedy, with Kathy Baker and Maria Bello. **3.05** First Daughter (2004) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas. **5.15** The Spy Next Door (2010) (PG) Comedy, starring Jackie Chan. **7.00** Legend (1985) (PG) Fantasy adventure, with Tom Cruise. **9.00** The Family (2013) (15) Comedy thriller, with Robert De Niro and Michelle Pfeiffer. **11.15** Blue Ruin (2014) (15) Thriller, starring Macon Blair. **1.00** Bully (2001) (18) **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Rocket City Rednecks **8.00** Deadliest Pests Down Under **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **12.00** Motorway Cops **1.00** Top Gear **2.00** QI XL **4.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **5.00** Taskmaster **6.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **7.00** Red Dwarf **9.00** Mock the Week **11.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **1.00** QI XL **2.00** Gavin & Stacey **2.30** Live at the Electric **3.35** The Indestructibles **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** One Foot in the Grave **7.00** New Tricks **8.00** Jonathan Creek **9.00** Wallander **11.00** Waking the Dead **1.25** New Tricks **2.30** Gracie! **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Big Town Dance **7.00** Monkey Business **8.00** The Big Spell **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** What's Up **12.00** Futurama **3.00** Monkey Business **4.00** Modern Family **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Monkeys: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** FILM: xXx2: The Next Level (2005) (12) Action sequel, starring Ice Cube. **11.00** A League of Their Own US Road Trip **12.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **1.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **2.00** Police Force: Australia **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The West Wing **11.00** The Making of David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **12.00** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **1.30** David Attenborough's Flying Monsters **3.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** FILM: The Departed (2006) (18) Gangster thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon. **11.50** FILM: Requiem for the Dead (2015) (12) Documentary exploring the frequency of gun-related deaths in America. **1.15** The Wire **2.25** Without a Trace **4.15** Storm City

W SKY: 109

6.10 Crisis **7.00** Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Specia **8.00** The Bill **1.00** EastEnders **3.30** Bin There, Dump That **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **6.00** My Family **8.00** Inside the Ambulance **9.00** FILM: Scream (1996) (18) Horror, starring Neve Campbell. **11.15** FILM: The Long Kiss Goodnight (1996) (18) Action thriller, starring Geena Davis. **1.40** Million Dollar Interr **2.35** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Cheers **7.30** Lovejoy **10.25** Last of the Summer Wine **11.40** Only Fools and Horses **2.25** FILM: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey. **4.00** Only Fools and Horse **8.00** We Have Been Watching. Shows including Absolutely Fabulous and Hancock are appraised. **9.00** Miranda. The joke-shop owner vows to get fit. **11.00** Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle **12.20** Steve Coogan: Th Man Who Thinks He's It **2.30** Bellamy's People **3.05** Human Remains **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football League Gold **7.00** Football's Greatest Players **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League Preview **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Tottenham Hotspur v West Bromwich Albion (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.00** Gillett Soccer Saturday **5.15** Live EFL. Wolverhampton Wanderers v Aston Villa (kick-off 5.30pm). **8.00** EFL Goals **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights **1.00** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **1.30** Live Fight Night International. **5.00** Premier League Highlights

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Sunday January 15th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Countryfile, 6.30pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 The Big Questions** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.00 Wanted Down Under Revisited** (S)(R) **2.45 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.30 Spy in the Wild** (S)(R) **4.30 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.05 Call the Midwife: The Casebook** (S) **6.05 BBC News** (S) **6.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 Countryfile** (S)

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7.30 Antiques Roadshow Holocaust Memorial Fiona Bruce and the team examine items connected to the Holocaust and listen to the stories of survivors. (S)

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8.30 Still Open All Hours Granville has a clever plan to lure customers to buy outdated Christmas puddings. (S)

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9.00 Sherlock Sherlock and John face their greatest challenge, as long-buried secrets catch up with them and a threat from the past seems to have returned from the dead. Last in the series. (S)

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10.30 BBC News (S)
10.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)

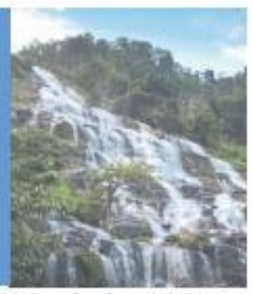
11

11.10 The Graham Norton Show With Ben Affleck, Sienna Miller, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. (S)(R)
11.45 The Celebrity Apprentice USA (S)

AFTER 12

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.15 BBC News (S)

BBC2



Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise, 9pm

6.15 A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **7.00 Big Dreams Small Spaces** (S)(R) **8.00 An Island Parish: Anguilla** (S)(R) **8.30 The Edible Garden** (S)(R) **9.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.30 Talking Snooker** (S) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Live Snooker: The Masters** (S) **5.15 Yellowstone: The Toughest Spring** (S)(R) **6.15 Ski Sunday** The men's World Cup downhill. (S)

7.00 City in the Sky Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry present a documentary exploring aviation. (S)(R)

8.00 Dragons' Den An inventor shows off a new kind of garden shed and Touker Suleyman agrees to road test a waxing product. (S)

9.00 Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise The mountains and forests of Northern Thailand, where unusual partnerships develop between animals and people. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 Match of the Day 2 Including highlights of Manchester United v Liverpool. (S)
10.50 QI XL With Matt Lucas, Jerry Springer and Cariad Lloyd. (S)

11.35 Snooker: The Masters Ding Junhui v Kyren Wilson. (S)

12.25 Snooker: The Masters – Extra (S) **2.25** Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **3.25** Holby City (S)(R) **4.25** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Dance Dance Dance, 6.30pm

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Countrywise** (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) **11.30 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.35 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **1.35 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.35 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **3.35 The Voice UK** (S)(R) **5.05 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.15 ITV News** (S) **5.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special** (S)(R) **6.30 Dance Dance Dance** (S)

8.00 Endeavour The detective investigates the death of a bricklayer working on a controversial singer's house. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (S)(R)

11.15 The Brits Are Coming A special live show announcing which artists are in the running to receive gongs at this year's Brit Award ceremony. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Chopping Block (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Walking the Americas, 8pm

6.20 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.55 FILM St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG)** (S) **3.55 Channel 4 News** (S) **4.15 Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships** The men's final of the BDO World Championships. (S)

8.00 Walking the Americas Levison Wood visits a unique Caribbean town that is populated by the descendants of shipwrecked African slaves. (S)

9.00 FILM Bad Neighbours (2014) (15) Premiere. A suburban couple enter into a vicious game of one-upmanship. Comedy, starring Seth Rogen, Zac Efron and Rose Byrne. (S)

10.50 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts, as Sean Lock and Stephen Mangan team up against Noel Fielding and Fay Ripley. (S)(R)

11.55 FILM Hanna (2011) (12) A girl trained by her father to be an assassin travels the world on a secret mission. Action thriller, with Saoirse Ronan.

1.55 How to Lose Weight Well (S)(R) **2.50** The Autistic Gardener (S)(R) **3.45** Jamie's Comfort Food (S) **3.55** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.55** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.50** 3rd Rock from the Sun (S)(R)

Channel 5

Celebrity Botched Up Bodies, 10.05pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 The Fairly OddParents (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S)(R) **12.25 FILM Message in a Bottle (1999) (12)** (S) **2.50 FILM Six Days Seven Nights (1998) (12)** (S) **4.45 FILM You've Got Mail (1998) (PG)** Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. (S)

7.00 Now That's Funny! A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring unexpected personal moments. (S)(R)

8.00 Brides Make You Laugh Out Loud Compilation of internet videos featuring weddings. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt (S)

10.05 Celebrity Botched Up Bodies Alex Reid undergoes surgery on his nose, while Geordie Shore's Marnie Simpson discusses how her breast enhancement went badly wrong. (S)

11.05 The Roast of Donald Trump An event from 2011 in which the business mogul faces a barrage of insults. (S)(R)

12.35 Impractical Jokers UK (S) **1.00** SuperCasino **3.10 FILM Under the Tuscan Sun (2003) (12)** (S) **4.50** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.15** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 You've Been Framed! **6.25** Emmerdale **9.05** Coronation Street **11.35** The Voice UK **1.00** 2Awesome: 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.40** 2Awesome: Side Effects **2.20** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.40** 2Awesome: LA Story **3.00** FILM: Space Jam (1996) (U) Live action and animated comedy, with Michael Jordan. **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05** FILM: Space Jam (1996) (U) Concluded. **4.45** FILM: Despicable Me 2 (2013) (U) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Steve Carell. **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50** FILM: Despicable Me 2 (2013) (U) Concluded. **6.45** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Concluded. **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Where the Heart Is **7.45** Heartbeat **9.50** Murder, She Wrote **11.55** FILM: The Mirror Crack'd (1980) (PG) Miss Marple mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. **1.00** FYI Daily **1.05** FILM: The Mirror Crack'd (1980) (PG) Concluded. **2.05** A Touch of Frost **4.20** FILM: Columbo: How to Dial a Murder (1978) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** This Time Next Year **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** FILM: The English Patient (1996) (15) Oscar-winning romantic drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas. **11.35** FYI Daily **11.40** FILM: The English Patient (1996) (15) Concluded. **1.40** A Touch of Frost **3.35** May the Best House Win **5.20** You're Only Young Twice **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy. Musical breakthroughs in the 17th century. **8.00** Sword, Musket & Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History. The impact of gunpowder on the battlefield. **9.00** Rich Hall's Presidential Grudge Match **10.30** Bowie at the BBC **11.30** John Berger: The Art of Looking **12.25** Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand **1.25** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **2.25** Roger Bannister: Everest on the Track **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **7.05** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Melissa & Joey **9.00** Baby Daddy **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** FILM: Astro Boy (2009) (PG) Animated sci-fi adventure, with the voice of Freddie Highmore. **2.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.30** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Johnny English Reborn (2011) (PG) Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson. **10.05** Tattoo Fixers **11.10** Virtually Famous **12.00** The Inbetweeners **1.05** Gogglebox **2.10** Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts **3.05** Rude Tube **3.30** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Homes by the Sea **10.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **11.00** Car SOS **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Car SOS **9.00** Sarah Millican – Home Bird Live **10.05** Father Ted **11.05** Britain's Wildest Weather **12.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.45** Father Ted **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Frogmen (1951) (U) Second World War thriller, starring Richard Widmark. **1.00** One Fine Day (1996) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer. **3.10** Sword of Sherwood Forest (1960) (U) Robin Hood adventure, starring Richard Greene. **4.50** Flight of the Navigator (1986) (U) Sci-fi adventure, starring Joey Cramer. **6.35** Beautiful Creatures (2013) (12) Fantasy, starring Alden Ehrenreich. **9.00** Prometheus (2012) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Noomi Rapace. **11.25** Underworld: Awakening (2012) (18) Action fantasy, starring Kate Beckinsale. **1.10** Poetry (2010) (12) Drama, starring Jeong-hie Yun. **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 MegaTruckers **8.00** Top Gear **9.40** Motorway Cops **10.45** Traffic Cops **11.50** Jay Leno's Garage **1.40** Top Gear **4.50** Red Bull Soapbox Race **6.20** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **11.00** Crackanory **11.40** Room 101 **12.20** Mock the Week **1.40** Crackanory **2.15** Live at the Electric **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **8.00** The Bill **12.00** Call the Midwife **4.00** Catherine Cookson's The Man Who Cried **7.00** New Tricks **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Spooks **1.10** Catherine Cookson's The Man Who Cried **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkeys: An Amazing Animal Family **10.00** Monkey Life **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Futurama **2.00** Modern Family **4.30** The Simpsons **5.30** The Big Spell **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Freddie Down Under **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** The Force: Manchester **12.00** The Force: Essex **1.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **2.00** Police Force: Australia **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The West Wing **11.00** Without a Trace **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness **10.00** The Affair **11.10** Bright Lights : Starring Carrie Fisher And Debbie Reynolds **1.00** The Wire **2.05** Blue Bloods **3.00** The Affair **4.10** Storm City

W SKY: 109

6.00 Best in Town **7.00** Bondi Rescue **8.30** EastEnders **11.00** MasterChef Junior USA **4.00** Doctor Who **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **10.00** Luther **11.20** Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special **12.25** FILM: The Long Kiss Goodnight (1996) (18) Action thriller, starring Geena Davis. **2.35** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Lovejoy **8.50** Only Fools and Horses **4.10** We Have Been Watching **5.10** Miranda **7.15** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Miranda **11.00** The Thick of It Special: Spinners and Losers **12.40** Bellamy's People **2.00** Time Trumpet with Armando Iannucci **2.45** Nighty Night **3.00** Human Remains **3.25** Stella Street **3.35** Human Remains **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Everton v Manchester City (kick-off 1.30pm). **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Manchester United v Liverpool (kick-off 4.00pm). **7.00** EFL Goals **7.30** Live La Liga Football Sevilla v Real Madrid (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Premier League Highlights **11.00** Goals on Sunday **12.00** Premier League Highlights **1.00** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **1.30** Darts Gold **2.00** Premier League Years **4.00** Sporting Heroes: Gary Newbon Interviews AP McCoy **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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A night of sheer T.Rextasy

By James Richings

RELIVE the glory years of T. Rex as tribute band T. Rextasy will be at The Haymarket on Thursday, January 19.

Made up of Danielz on the vocals and lead guitar, Neil Cross on the rhythm guitar, bass guitarist Rob Butterfield and drummer John Skelton, their visit to Basingstoke next Thursday will be one of 93 shows the group have got lined up for this year, as T. Rextasy embark on their 'Marc Bolan 40th Anniversary Tour'.

Their visit to the Wote Street venue is to celebrate the life of T. Rex lead singer Marc Bolan, who died in a car accident in September 1977 aged 29.

He died two weeks before his 30th birthday.

And Danielz believes the gig will be up there as one of their very best, as they return to Basingstoke for the first time in nearly two years.

"One thing that is really good about performing at certain venues is returning to them because this tells you that you've got a really loyal audience and fan base," he told the Observer.

"So it's always a pleasure to be returning to The Haymarket because we know it's going to be a great evening.

"Also, the fact that we are going back to The Haymarket works both ways because I remember playing there many times and the gigs have always been great.

"The audiences are responsive which is great because we are a very lively band so we do expect people to get up and boogie on the night as that's what we feed off."

Danielz formed the band 25 years ago after he became disillusioned with record companies following unsuccessful attempts to make it in a number of bands.

His love for T. Rex also inspired him to form the group.

And with him now being one of the main faces in one of the world's most successful tribute bands, he thinks the Basingstoke faithful will be in for a treat next week.

And he reassured fans that he formed the band for all the right reasons.

"I didn't form the band because I felt there was a hole in the market," he said.

"I formed this band because I tried to get my own music out with other bands but became disillusioned with record companies.

"What people need to remember is that back in 1992, there was no such thing as a tribute band scene and people didn't know what to call us.

"It wasn't until The News of The World did a piece on us that they called us a tribute band.

"The term 'tribute band' hadn't really been pointed in the direction of what we were doing, as many people associated the term as a sort of pub gig, which was a lot more than what we were doing.

"Now in 2017, there are millions of tribute bands all over the UK – so it's like a phenomenon really."

He added: "One thing I love about what I do is that every show is different because since it's not a musical, it's a rock and roll show, the gigs are very unpredictable.

"And even though we play all the popular tracks ('I Love to Boogie', 'Get it On', 'Metal Guru' and many more) that the fans know, we play B sides and album tracks for the die hard fans."

T. Rex were formed in 1967 and had a successful 10 year spell in the charts where they achieved four UK number ones, but after Bolan's death in 1977, the band called it quits.

2017 will be a memorable year for the band – as well as being the 40th anniversary of Bolan's death, it's the group's 25th year together and this September would have been Bolan's 70th birthday.

It starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £22.

• Danielz in action

Tommy is in town

By James Richings

ONE of Australia's most popular guitarists will be returning to The Anvil on Tuesday, January 17.

Tommy Emmanuel, who first visited the Churchill Way venue in 2000, returns to the theatre to perform tunes off his latest studio albums as well as new material off a record due to be released in the spring.

And as the 61-year-old embarks on a huge tour across the world with a number of shows already being sold out, fellow singer-songwriter Clive Carroll will join him.

"It's hard for an artist who is also the composer to choose their favourite tracks because we write songs, we record them, we play them live and we move on to the next project," he said.

"Most of my fans agree that my album 'Only' is some of my best work and I think my song 'It's Never Too Late' is my all time favourite composition to date.

"And can I just say that my guest, Clive Carroll, will stun and amaze everyone in the first set.

"Clive will be playing songs from his new CD, 'The Furthest Tree' where I will play a lot of songs from my album 'It's Never Too Late', as well as some even newer songs.

"I have three new guitars with me which sound wonderful and I hope that the folks of Basingstoke will have a great night.

"We will certainly give you our best."

The two-time Grammy nominated musician comes to Basingstoke following the release of his latest Christmas album, 'Christmas Memories', which is the singer's 31st studio album since 1979.

But with the festive season done and dusted for another year, Tommy's attention is now focusing on his new record, which sees him perform duets with a number of fellow singer-songwriters.

The project is something that the musician has had planned for a number of years.

Singer-songwriters such as Jason Isbell, Ricky Skaggs, Rodney Crowell, Bryan Sutton, David Grisman, Jerry Douglas and many more have all sung with Tommy in the last 12 months, and he hopes the album will be completed by May this year.

However, the greatest moment of Tommy's long-lasting career would have been when he recorded an album with his music hero Chet Atkins back in 1997 called, 'The Day Finger Pickers Took Over the World.'

The album has a lot of significance for Tommy, as it was the last album Chet recorded before his death four years later on June 30 2001, 10 days after his 77th birthday.

"My first contact with Chet was through the mail," Tommy revealed to the Observer.

"I wrote him a fan letter and he wrote back sending me a photograph as well.

"We stayed in touch and I eventually made the pilgrimage to Nashville to meet him in person.

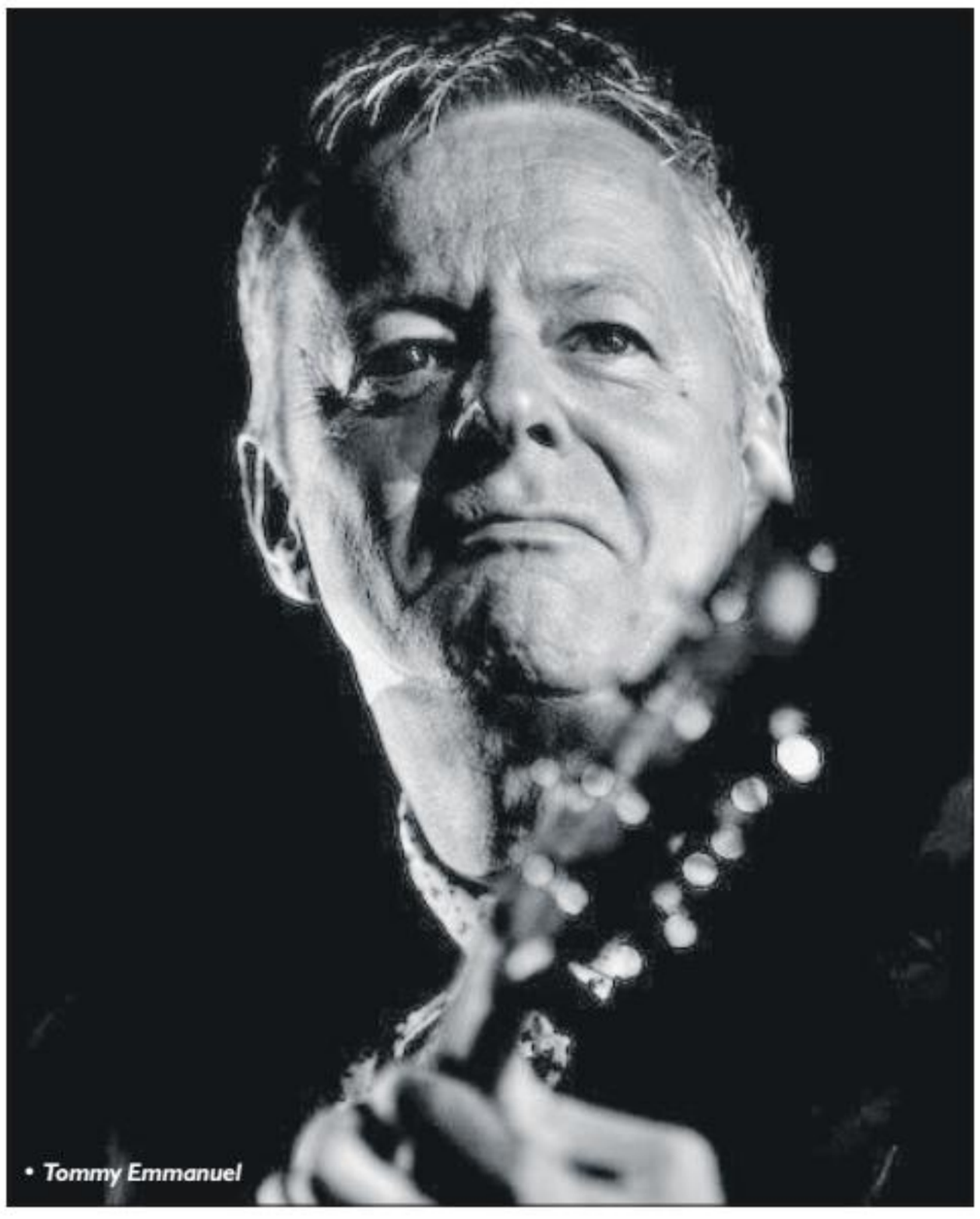
"We became instant family and ended up recording and working together towards the end of his life.

"He has always been a beacon to so many artists, young and old and set a great standard for us to learn from."

Tommy added: "It's always fun when your audience knows your material and shout out requests or clap when they recognise a song.

"I like to surprise my audiences all the time and try not to be predictable."

Tickets cost £27 and the gig will start at 7.30pm.



• Tommy Emmanuel

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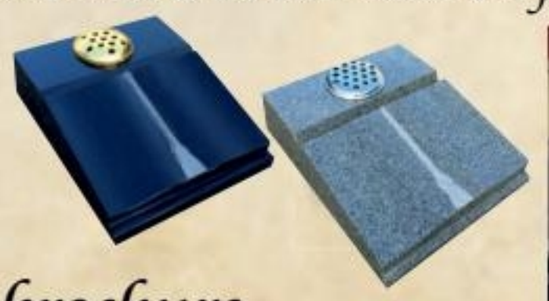

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Fri, Jan 13, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
JONGLEURS
Three comedians and a compère slickly prove that laughter is always the best medicine in our monthly Jongleurs! This ever popular end-of-the-week-treat is sure to provide mirthful merriment aplenty.
The line-up is always kept under wraps until the week of the show but Jongleurs guarantee the finest new faces on the circuit. See them here first - you never know who will end up being the next big thing.

Tue, Jan 17, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
TOMMY EMMANUEL
Two-time Grammy nominee Tommy Emmanuel, whose five decade career has garnered thousands of fans worldwide, will be bringing his passionate and infectious live show to The Anvil.

Wed, Jan 18, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
BERGEN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
One of the oldest orchestras in the world, the Bergen Philharmonic-celebrated its 250th anniversary last year, and returns to The Anvil with its new Chief Conductor.

Thu, Jan 19, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
T. REXTASY
T.Rextasy have now been performing around the world for over 20 years, and become widely accepted as the world's only official tribute show dedicated to Marc Bolan and T.Rex. The only band endorsed and approved by Marc's family, estate and catalogue management, not to mention original members of T.Rex, T.Rextasy has been described by many as 'beyond the boundaries of tribute'.

Thu, Jan 19 – Sat, Jan 21
Corn Exchange, Newbury
ANNIE
Based on the strip cartoon Little Orphan Annie, it is the story of Annie, an orphan living in an orphanage run by the sadistic Miss Hannigan, and her quest to find her real parents. She is invited to spend Christmas at the home of billionaire Oliver Warbucks, who offers to help Annie in her quest.

Fri, Jan 20, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T A CLUE
BBC Radio's multi award-winning antidote to panel games returns to

the stage with its sell-out touring show. Join Barry Cryer, Tony Hawks, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Jeremy Hardy and host Jack Dee for an unmissable evening of inspired nonsense.

Fri, Jan 20 – Thu, Jan 26
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury
LA LA LAND
Mia (Emma Stone), an aspiring actress working in a coffee shop on the Warner Brothers studio backlot, falls for jazz pianist, Sebastian (Ryan Gosling). Both give effortless performances with stunning song-and-dance routines and remarkable piano playing from Gosling. The transition from musical numbers to powerful narrative is seamless, and bravura one-take shots will draw comparisons with the cinematography of Birdman.

Sat, Jan 21, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
THE NEIL DIAMOND STORY
The show tracks Neil's remarkable journey from struggling New York songwriter to international star and includes music from every stage of a staggering and hit-filled music career. Solitary Man, Cracklin' Rosie, Sweet Caroline, Love on The Rocks, America, Hello Again, I Am I Said, and more.

Sun, Jan 22, 3pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
JOHANN STRAUSS GALA
Return to the gilded ballrooms of old Vienna, where the flickering light from the candelabra twinkles and the conductor taps his baton. The orchestra, on command, plays a sparkling assortment of much-loved music. The couples embrace, sliding and gliding, rising and falling, spinning and dipping as they flamboyantly whirl with billowing gowns and distinctive elegance.

Mon, Jan 23
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon
ANDY PARSONS
Worried about your job? Worried about your family? Worried about yourself? Worried about the health service? Education? Climate change? World War 3? Worried about worrying? Sod it! Come and have a laugh about it. It's one of the things we do best. Or is it? as it something we did best but like everything else has gone West? Or South. Or East. Ah - go on. Take a risk. Put on your lucky pants and your party shoes - and get yourself on a night out. Or maybe come dressed in a binbag, top hat and clogs. We could all use a laugh.

Wed, Jan 25 – Sat, Jan 28
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
DONG DING MURDER ME ON HIGH!
Dong Ding Murder Me on High! introduces Inspector Pratt when he was just Sergeant Pratt as he attempts to discover why the daughter of Sir Walton Gates has nearly been 'sleighed' to death.

Thu, Jan 26, 7pm
The Corn Exchange, Newbury
YOUNG MEN
Young Men is a feature length dance film without dialogue shot on location in Northern France which features dancer BalletBoyz dance company.

Thu, Jan 26, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS
The original buoy band, the Fisherman's Friends are back with vengeance, getting ready to hit the road on tour with full catch of new material and some old favourites.

Fri, Jan 27, 7.45pm
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Fri, Jan 27 – Thu, Feb 2
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Prohibition has not stopped the flow of booze in the gangster-run speakeasies of 1920s Boston. But even among criminals there are riles and Joe Coughlin (Ben Affleck) breaks a big one: crossing a powerful mob boss by stealing his money and his moll. The flick also stars Chris Cooper, Elle Fanning, Sienna Miller and Zoe Saldana.

Fri, Jan 27 – Thu, Feb 2
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MANCHESTER BY THE SEA
When lonely Boston janitor Lee (Casey Affleck) hears that his brother Joe (Kyle Chandler) has died, he reluctantly heads to his home town: Manchester-by-the-sea. The film has won numerous awards.

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Sat, Jan 28, 7.30pm
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Sat, Jan 28, 7.45pm
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Sat, Jan 28, 8pm
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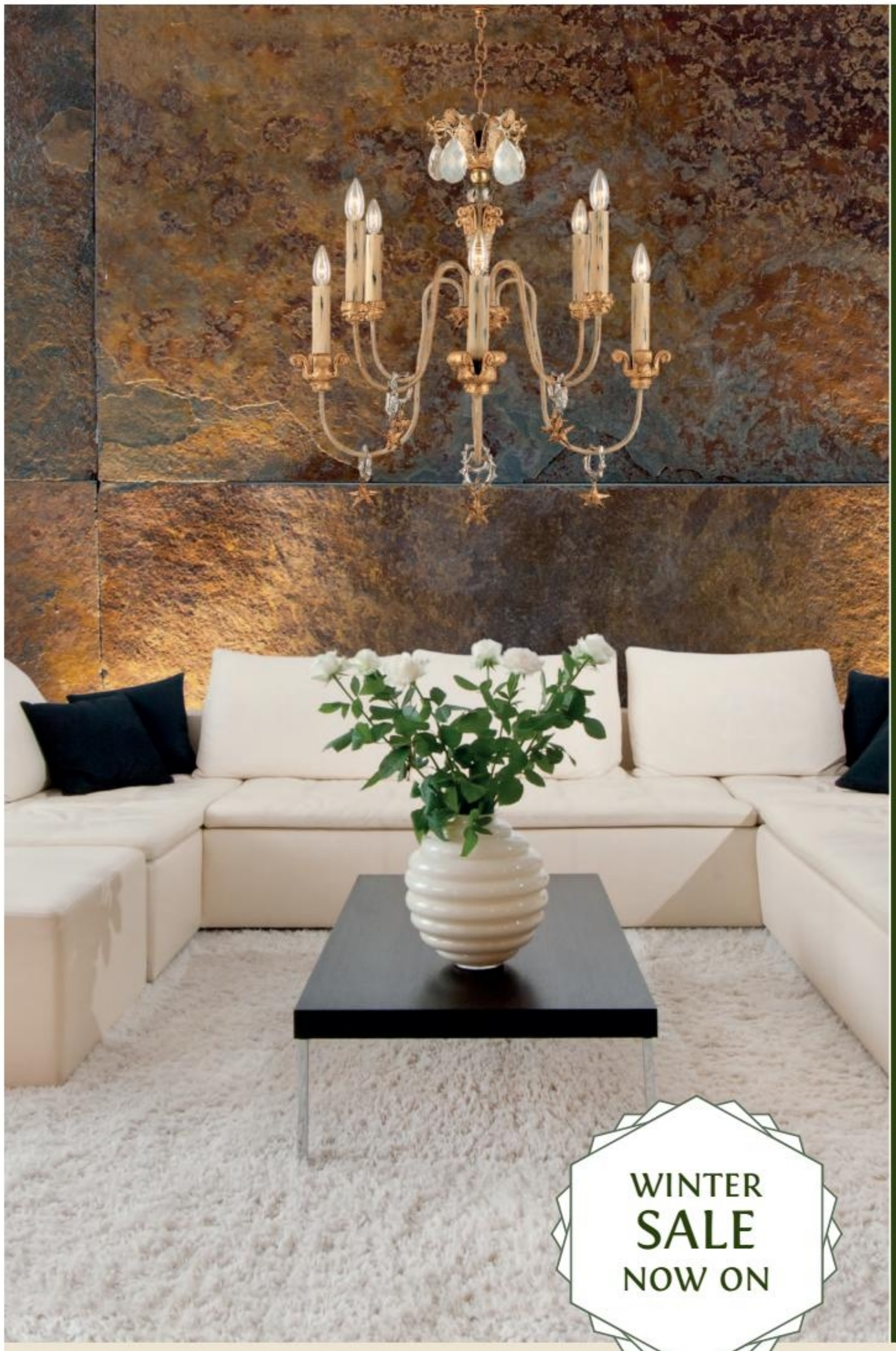

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New Subaru worth a look

By **Anthony Yates**

THE Subaru XV 2.0D SE Manual is a handsome-looking SUV which has enough of Subaru's design language behind it to make it different and interesting whilst still providing a link to the rest of the Subaru range.

Indeed, its clear association with the Forester provides a strong clue as to the XV's capabilities on and off road, along with its elevated driving position and one of the highest ground clearances in its class, making it a very purposeful package.

Power and efficiency

The XV was equipped with a powerful and efficient 2.0-litre DOHC Subaru Boxer Diesel engine, a unit that provides you with a maximum power of 147 PS and a torque figure of 350NM. The XV also achieved 52.3mpg on the combined cycle which is quite impressive. Maximum speed comes in at about 123mph and a 0-62mph of 9.3s. This is an engine that provides more than enough power on the road, whilst its statement Boxer horizontally-opposed pistons provide a smoothness that are exceptional for a diesel engine.

On the road

One of the benefits of the Boxer engine configuration is that it helps to lower the centre of gravity compared to the opposition as the engine block's flatter profile allows it to sit lower in the chassis, with an end result that the XV is very stable and balanced and noticeably resistant to side-to-side motion whilst driving. The Subaru is a willing companion in the bends and yet is comfortable when travelling further afield; the suspension also does a great job of isolating you from the worst that our roads can offer.

Design and tech

The Subaru XV offers plenty of standard equipment including Auto HID headlamps with auto leveller, 17-inch aluminium alloy wheels, leather-wrapped steering wheel and gearshift knob, front seat heaters, dual-zone automatic air-conditioning system, automatic rain-sensing windshield wipers, rear vision camera system and symmetrical all wheel drive. And spending a little more on the 2.0i SE or 2.0D SE (6MT/Lineartronic) gives you access to power-sliding, tilt-adjustable glass sunroof, leather seats, 8-way power adjustable driver's seat, keyless access and push button start system (touch-sensor type) and Subaru Starlink infotainment system. On the inside there is plenty of room for five adults to travel in comfort whilst the boot is capable of swallowing up to 1,270 litres of luggage and 60/40 folding seats mean it's very practical for a large family.

To sum up

The Subaru XV 2.0D SE Manual is an impressive performer amongst the growing SUV competition and deserves to do well, but more needs to be done on the styling inside the cabin.
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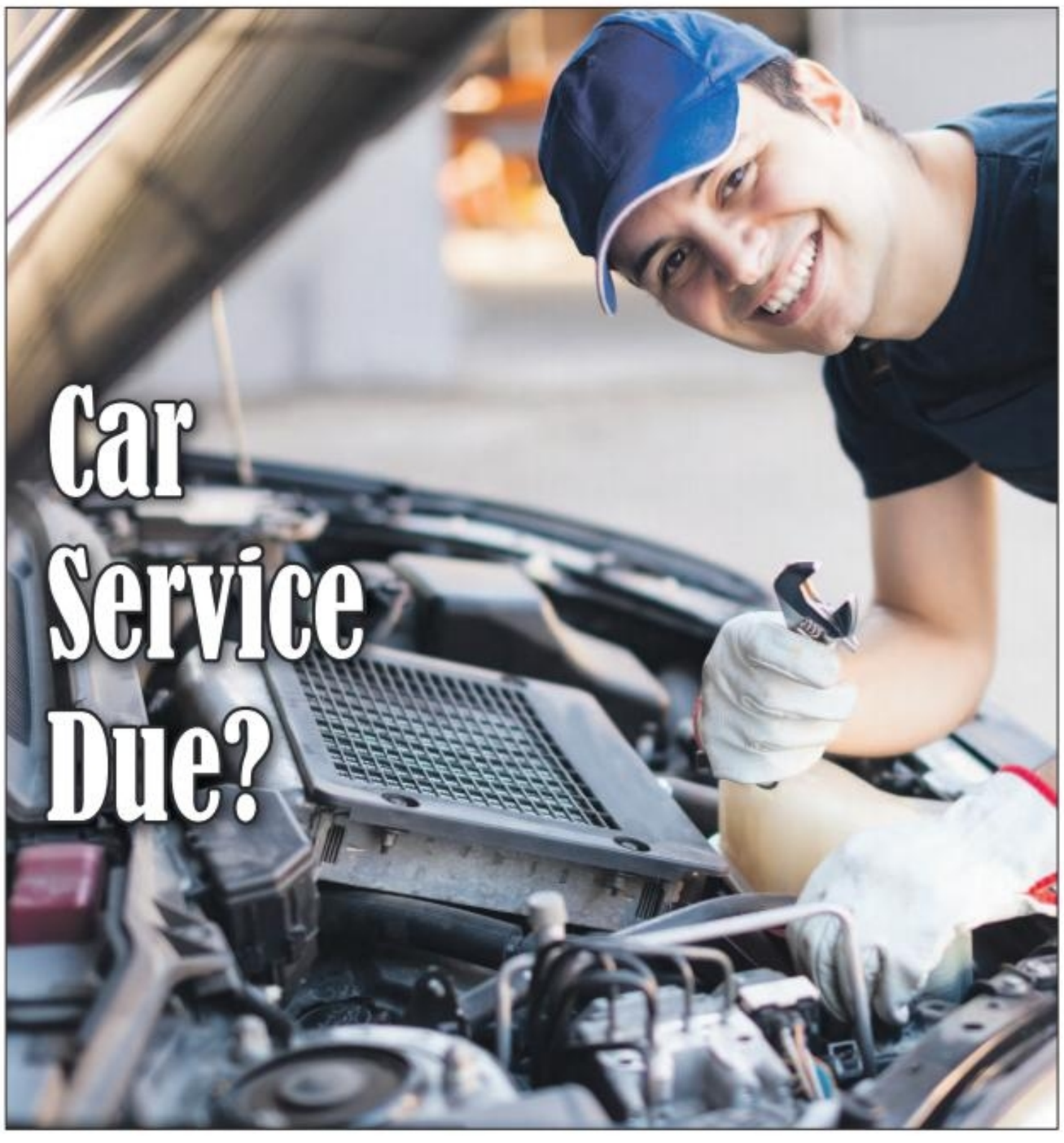

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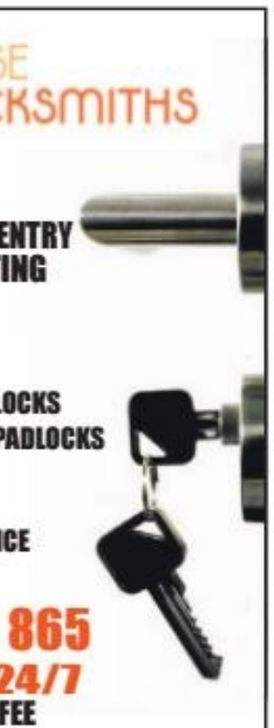

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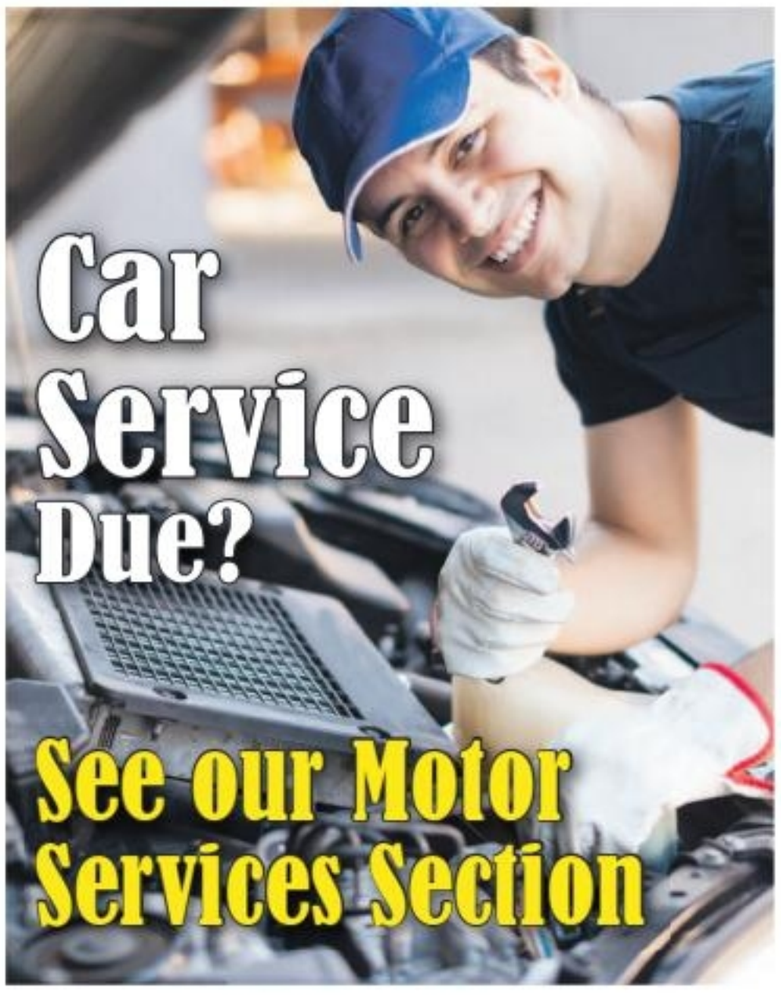

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Basingstoke beaten again to leave them in trouble

By Christian Wilson

BASINGSTOKE Town's run without a league win has now stretched to seven matches following their 15th defeat of the season on Saturday.

Hayes & Yeading United were the latest side to get the better of Terry Brown's side with a disappointing 3-0 win, to drop them down to 19th place in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier.

Defeat number 14 came just three days earlier, with Kettering Town this time the team to come away with a 2-1 victory.

The damage in that match was all done in the first half, as keeper Alex Tokarczyk was twice beaten to ensure Town went into half time 2-0 down, despite being well in the game.

After Rene Howe's early header was expertly cleared off the line by 'Stoke, Sam Deadfield then saw his volley force a great save from Kettering stopper Paul White.

But after Charlie Kennedy saw his 25-yard effort fly inches wide of the post, Basingstoke fell behind in the 27th minute, as Paul Malone tapped the ball in from a yard out to make it 1-0.

And they were then hit with a sucker punch just before the break, as Aaron O'Connor's miscued shot fell kindly for Howe to double Kettering's lead.

But despite dominating the second half, Basingstoke were left with just an Aaron Redford goal on the hour mark to show for their efforts, with the striker finishing well after being sent clean through.

While Town were unlucky not to claim anything from that match, they had only themselves to blame for the defeat to fellow strugglers Hayes on Tuesday night.

Mitchell Weiss proved to be the thorn in Basingstoke's side in west London, as the striker bagged himself a hat trick.

After Redford and Deadfield both saw efforts blocked by keeper Danny Boness, the forward claimed his first four minutes before half time.

Within seven minutes of the second period, Weiss had claimed his second from Solomon Sambou's pass, before he then scored a third in the 71st minute to round off a miserable night.

• *Aaron Redford scored against Kettering (Picture by Daniel Murphy)*

• *Basingstoke RFC in action on Saturday*

'Stoke secure nail biting win

BASINGSTOKE RFC started the new year with a bang on Saturday to claim a crucial win over one of their promotion rivals.

The hard-fought 28-25 victory over third-placed Old Cranleighans was 'Stoke's eighth from their last nine matches to keep them in fourth.

That run has seen Basingstoke have to show a number of qualities to come out on top, and the weekend's encounter was no different, as they were really made to battle for their victory.

It took just two minutes for Gareth Hatherley-Hurford's side to claim their first try, as Michael West dotted the ball over, following a big scrum for the hosts.

But within 13 minutes, Old Cranleighans had taken the lead, as they followed up an unconverted try with a penalty to make it 7-8.

Only a lucky bounce then prevented a second try for the visitors, before a punt up field then favourably into the hands of Michael Rodgers to go over for 'Stoke.

Simon Appleby then responded to an Old Cranleighans try to move Basingstoke 21-13 clear, following another try for the visitors, before Tom Humberstone was then shown a yellow card.

The start of the second half saw Appleby claim his second to hand 'Stoke a bonus try point that saw them leapfrog their rivals in the table.

But two late tries from Old Cranleighans then ensured they emerged with a bonus point to just get their noses in front in London 3 South West once again.

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Sheppard happy with Bison's 'solid' four-point weekend

DOUG Sheppard has declared his Basingstoke Bison as being "back on track", following their seventh four-point weekend of the season.

The Herd came within a whisker of reaching that tally just a week earlier, as they conceded twice late on to lose 4-3 at Milton Keynes Lightning.

But head coach Sheppard felt his side responded to that disappointment in the right way, by notching up wins over Peterborough Phantoms and Bracknell Bees.

He said: "I'm pleased with a good, solid four-point weekend.

"I felt we played very well last weekend and only got two points, so I'm happy we're back on track again with four points against Peterborough and Bracknell."

The Bison boss singled out forward Rene Jarolin for extra praise, after seeing the Slovak play a hand in all six of Basingstoke's goals against Peterborough.

"It's good to see our scoring lots of goals, but defending well at the same time," said Sheppard.

"Our offensive output is very impressive, and Rene in particular had a great weekend bagging 9 points over the weekend.

"Most importantly as a team we were good at both ends of the ice, and that's important moving forward."

Sport Bites

Players leave

FOOTBALL: Two of Basingstoke Town's best performing players had their contracts cancelled by mutual consent last week.

Romone Rose and Richie Whittingham were among those that arrived at the club at the start of the season, following 'Stoke's decision to go full-time.

But both left the Ark Cancer Charity Stadium with immediate effect on Friday, with a club statement thanking both players for their efforts, and wishing them well for the future.

Former Queens Park Rangers striker Rose proved a big hit with the 'Stoke faithful – finding the net six times.

And midfielder Whittingham also proved a successful signing, after joining following his release from Marlow.

Dundee-light

DARTS: Basingstoke's Paul Hogan pulled off an upset on Monday evening to book his place in the second round of the BDO World Darts Championships.

Crocodile Dundee dropped just one leg to win the first two sets against 16th seed Martin Phillips, before then losing the next two to see the match go to a decider.

But Hogan held his nerve after that to take the match 3-1 against the 2014 World Masters champion, by finishing with a 78 checkout.

Speaking to BDO after the win, he said: "In my first two sets I was awesome, then the break came, and I went to sleep, started missing doubles, and let Martin in.

"But I just had to get up there and try to focus on my game, and just get back into it."

George's first goal

FOOTBALL: Bedfont Sports were the latest side to be humbled by league leaders Hartley Wintney on Saturday.

Former Basingstoke Town striker George Hallahan scored his first goal for the club, as The Row ran out 4-1 winners, with Dean Stow, Steve Noakes, and Dec Shuttleworth also finding the net.

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Inside: Two more defeats for struggling 'Stoke | Sheppard happy with Bison's performance | Another win for Basingstoke RFC

Jarolin strikes four to spook the Phantoms

By Christian Wilson

A SENSATIONAL display by forward Rene Jarolin helped Basingstoke Bison claw back ground on the side directly above them in the English Premier League on Saturday.

The Slovak forward netted four goals and claimed two assists as the Herd hammered third-placed Peterborough Phantoms 6-1 at the Basingstoke Arena.

And Jarolin was again at the heart of things the following night with three more assists, as his side beat Bracknell Bees 5-2 on the road to register their seventh four-point weekend of the campaign.

Doug Sheppard's side could have been forgiven for feeling sorry for themselves going into the doubleheader, after a strong performance at high-flying Milton Keynes Lightning the previous Sunday had ended in a 4-3 defeat.

That saw them drop to fifth place in the league, although by the end of play on Saturday they had leapfrogged back above Hull Pirates.

Jarolin was the man to get the ball rolling against Peterborough with a trademark lashed effort into the net on 4:03, for the only goal of the opening period.

But, by the end of the second, it was 3-1 to the hosts, as Declan Balmer and Jarolin struck again, while James Archer pulled one back for the Phantoms on 32:09.

Any hopes of a Phantoms comeback were ended on 50:04 however, as Jarolin reacted quickest to a blocked Ciaran Long shot to swat the puck into the net on the powerplay to claim his hat-trick.

And, five minutes later, the Slovak sniper had four to his name from a Derek Roehl pass, before Tomas Karpov then made it six a minute later to add some gloss to what was a great performance.

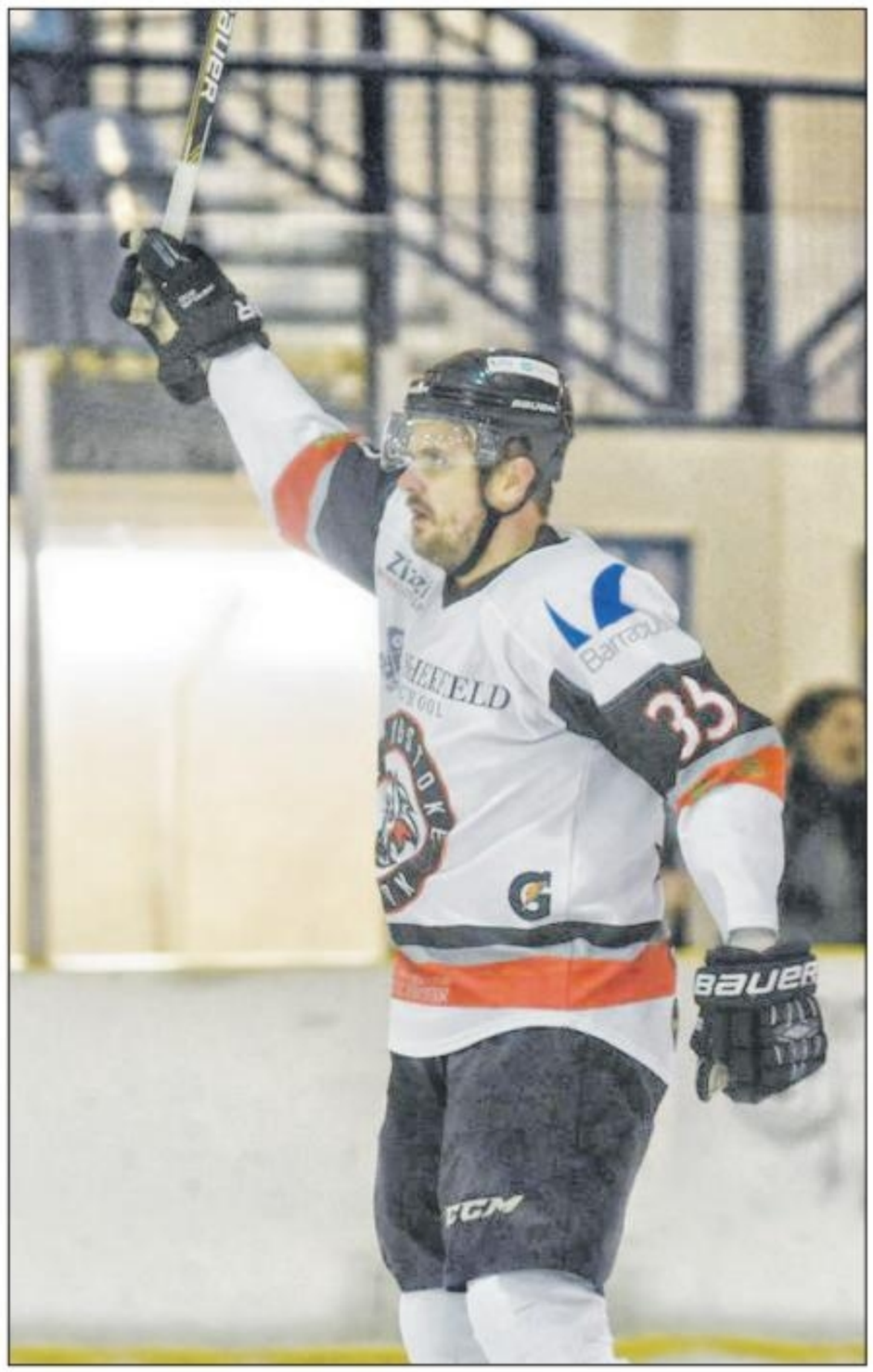
Buoyed by that victory, the Herd came storming out of the traps in devastating fashion the following night to claim a 2-0 lead just four minutes into their clash with rivals Bracknell.

First, Dan Scott beat netminder Alex Mettam with 61 seconds on the clock, before Daniel Davies then took advantage of the first powerplay of the night to rattle another effort into the net.

But after that strong start, the Stampede took their foot off the gas slightly, and were punished as a result, with Alex Barker and then former Bison Shaun Thompson getting on the score sheet to level the game for Bracknell.

From there on though, the Herd dominated the second period with 25 shots, and were duly rewarded with goals from Roehl, Matt Towalski and Long before 40 minutes had elapsed to round things off early.

Basingstoke are next in action at home to Sheffield Steeldogs on Saturday evening.



• *Rene Jarolin celebrates his four goals on Saturday against the Peterborough Phantoms (Picture by grantkingphotography.com)*

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